

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 17, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Nakamura, et al.* ("Nakamura," U.S. Pat. No. 6,151,464).

As indicated above, Applicant has amended independent claim 10 through this Response. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are now moot.

Turning to the merits of claim 10, Applicant notes that Nakamura does not teach a user browsing to a network-based imaging service using a network browser that executes on a client device and the imaging service downloading a user interface to the network browser, the user interface enabling the user to select documents to be printed and to select a private printing option in which documents will only be printed when proximity of the user is detected.

Furthermore, Nakamura does not teach an imaging service receiving from the client device a personal identification number (PIN), a printer receiving input by the user of the PIN, and, responsive to the combination of the detected proximity and input of the PIN, the printer printing the selected document for the user.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Rejection of Claim 12

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Matsubayashi, et al.* ("Matsubayashi," U.S. Pat. No. 7,073,119).

As identified above, *Nakamura* does not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that *Matsubayashi* does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Nakamura* reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12 is allowable over the *Nakamura/Matsubayashi* combination for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is allowable over *Nakamura*.

B. Rejection of Claims 22, and 24-27

Claims 22, and 24-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Kakigi, et al.* ("Kakigi," U.S. Pat. No. 7,106,461).

As indicated above, Applicant has amended independent claim 22 through this Response. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are now moot.

Turning to the merits of independent claim 22, Applicant notes that neither *Nakamura* nor *Kakigi* teaches or suggests a network service configured to receive the identity of the user and a PIN from a client computing device, and to delay printing of a requested document until the user has both been detected in close physical proximity to the printer and has input the PIN. Although *Nakamura* discloses detecting proximity and *Kakigi* discloses receipt of a PIN, neither reference contemplates requiring both proximity and receipt of PIN in combination as prerequisites to printing.

C. Rejection of Claim 23

Claim 23 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Kakigi* as applied to claim 22, and further in view of *Matsubayashi*.

As identified above, *Nakamura* and *Kakigi* do not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that *Matsubayashi* does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Nakamura* and *Kakigi* references, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 is allowable over the *Nakamura/ Kakigi/Matsubayashi* combination for at least the same reasons that claim 22 is allowable over *Nakamura/ Kakigi*.

III. Canceled Claims

Claims 1-9 and 14-21 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

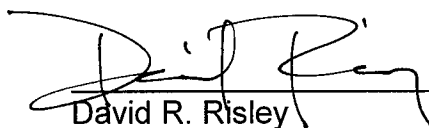
IV. New Claims

Claims 28 and 29 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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